

## **PROFILE**

### **Ambassador of South Africa to the United States of America**

#### **H.E. Ebrahim Rasool**



Ambassador Ebrahim Rasool has recently been appointed by South Africa for a second tour of duty as Ambassador to the United States of America. His first was between 2010 and 2015. Both followed distinguished contributions to public life in South Africa: firstly, as an activist and leader in the anti-apartheid liberation struggle, making sacrifices, like spending time in prison (where he first met Nelson Mandela); secondly, as a leader of both the African National Congress and in the faith movements (Muslim and Interfaith); and thirdly in the first generation of post-apartheid governance as Provincial Minister of Health, Finance and ultimately Premier or Governor of the Western Cape Province.

In between his Diplomatic postings, Ambassador Rasool was a Distinguished Scholar at Georgetown University, publishing a book titled “Living Where We Don’t Make Rules – A Guide for Muslim Minorities”, and remains a Senior Fellow at both Georgetown and Rutgers Universities, a recipient of Honorary Doctorates at Roosevelt and Chatham Universities, and has been bestowed an Adjunct Professorship at the Nelson Mandela University in South Africa.

He remained active in pursuing development in South Africa and Africa as an Associate in Albright Stonebridge (later Dentons); through his own Business Advisory Entity, Ebrahim Rasool and Associates; and as Chairperson of the Development Bank of Southern Africa.

Through his leadership of the World for All Foundation, he leads public discourses, conducts leadership masterclasses & publishes widely in pursuit of his vision “to create a just, dignified and sustainable world for all, free of extremisms, and safe for difference”.